

Maryland DHIA

The October 1993 Dairy Herd Improvement information for Maryland dairy herds is listed by herd name, county association, number of cows in the herd and the average production per cow in the herd. To be included, the herd must have 10 cows averaging 65 pounds or more of 3.5 percent fat corrected milk per cow, per day. All herds reported are on official DHI or DHIR test.

Also listed are the top 10 herds in Maryland for the Brown Swiss, Guernseys, and Jerseys, and the top eight herds for Ayrshires.

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HERD NAME	HERD BREED	COWS IN HERD T	MLK AVG FCM T
US Naval Academy Dairy	H	159	67.4

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Dairy Cattle Group Works To Keep Competitive Edge

COLUMBUS, Ohio — In a move designed to maintain competitive superiority of U.S. dairy cattle breeding, the Council on Dairy Cattle Breeding recently agreed to strengthen collaborative relationships within its organization.

"We face an increasingly competitive world for dairy genetics," said DuWayne Kutz, Board Chairman, National Association of Animal Breeders. Kutz is also chief executive officer of Sire Power, Inc.

"If we don't intensify the efforts of those involved in genetic progress, the superiority we now enjoy will erode," Kutz said.

Idaho dairyman Mike Quesnell was chosen 1994 chairman. Quesnell also serves as president, National Dairy Herd Improvement Association.

Quesnell said, "I look forward to the opportunities that this collaborative approach will bring to dairy cattle breeding. Dairy farmers need the synergies and efficiencies that this can produce."

In the months ahead, the Council will meet to develop strategic approaches to issues involving dairy cattle breeding.

The Council comprises six American dairy breed associations, the National Dairy Herd Improvement Association and the National Association of Animal Breeders.

Founded in 1986, the Council has provided a forum for discussion of common issues.

At its October meeting, the Council agreed to move beyond its former role into a more strategic function based on its cooperative activities. The goal: to find the best and least costly tools for dairy cattle breeding.

Wisconsin dairyman John Selz called the action a significant change for the Council. Selz, president, Holstein Association of America, said, "The organizations of the Council are the backbone of efforts to improve profitability of dairy cattle through better breeding."

"Farmers need to work more closely together to ensure there is no duplication of effort and that their considerable resources are focussed toward that end," Selz said.

To give the Council a structure which will support the strategic purpose, plans were made to "formalize" the group with current participants becoming "members" and by choosing a chairman annually.

HIGH BROWN SWISS HERDS (3.5% FCM)

Herd Name	County Ass'n.	Cows in Herd Total	Milk Avg. FCM Total
Fir-Thorne-B	Frederick	17	72.2
Tom and Joy Crothers	Cecil	12	67.4
Dwayne & Miriam Bell	Carroll	59	64.3
Bells Delight Farm	Carroll	35	64.2
Dublin Hills Swiss	Frederick	30	63.6
K. Scott Hood	Frederick	23	61.8
Garstlyn B.S.	Carroll	14	59.0
Fleming & Frey	Washington	29	58.2
John Hostetter	Washington	18	53.5
Ryan Bell	Carroll	10	51.5

HIGH GUERNSEY HERDS (3.5% FCM)

Herd Name	County Ass'n.	Cows in Herd Total	Milk Avg. FCM Total
O. Clayton Smith	Frederick	12	67.5
Keith Dixon	Kent	10	61.6
Cletus & Janice Frey	Washington	61	57.6
William B. Messix	Queen Anne's	21	55.9
John & Wm. Schnebley	Washington	79	53.4
England Farms Inc.	Cecil	18	52.7
Level Square Farm	Queen Anne's	106	51.9
Sterling Frey	Washington	18	48.7
Mt. Ararat Farms	Cecil	83	48.0
Dogwood Lane Farm	Kent	54	45.8

HIGH JERSEY HERDS (3.5% FCM)

Herd Name	County Ass'n.	Cows in Herd Total	Milk Avg. FCM Total
Paul & Naomi Petersheim	Garrett	33	57.9
P. Thomas Mason	Kent	43	55.1
Queen Acres	Carroll	143	54.7
Mayer's Stoney Point	Carroll	12	54.1
Eli Swartzentruber	Garrett	38	52.4
Michael Forsythe	Washington	13	52.1
Windy Knoll Farm	Montgomery	59	51.2
Doris & David Zimmerman	Carroll	16	49.6
Ned & Sarah Davis	Cecil	34	49.1
Joseph Stanton	Garrett	41	48.8

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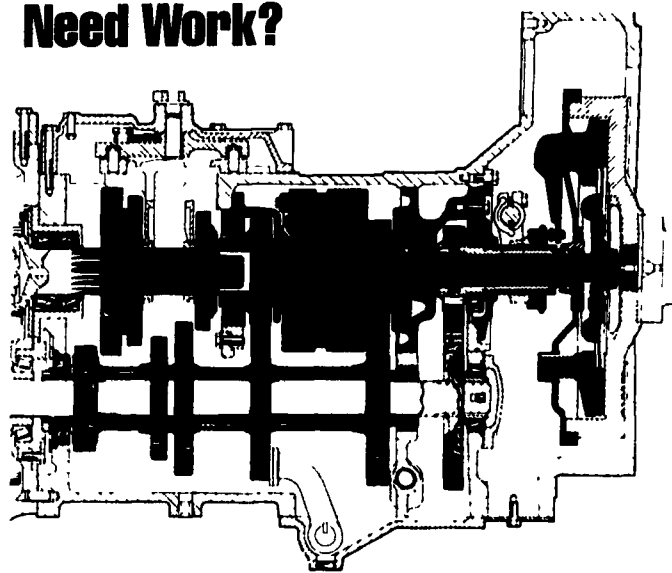


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